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TO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR LOZANO'S EYES ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SALVADORAN ELECTIONS

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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AND WITH REFERENCE TO LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL THE FULL QUOTE FROM KOCH'S STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS: "IN FACT, I AM DEEPLY TROUBLED BY REPORTS SUPPLIED TO ME BY THE WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA, THAT AT LEAST PART OF OUR PRESENCE IN EL SALVADOR IS ACTIVELY BACKING THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. LET ME QUOTE FROM A REPORT I HAVE RECEIVED FROM A PERSON RECENTLY RETURNED FROM EL SALVADOR: 'INTERESTINGLY, WE WERE TOLD THAT THE U.S. MILITARY ATTACHE FOR A LONG TIME HELD OFF FROM INDICATING HIS PREFERENCE SINCE HE SAW
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NEITHER CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT AS SUITABLE. HE FELT THAT ROMERO, (THE MILITARY-BACKED CANDIDATE) STILL HAD TOO MANY ENEMIES AMONG THE MILITARY. HIS OWN IDEA WAS AN "INSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION", I.E. COUP. HOWEVER, AROUND EARLY DECEMBER OF 1976 HE BEGAN TO BACK ROMERO OPENLY.' THIS ALLEGATION, IF TRUE, REPRESENTS THE WORST FORM OF MEDDLING. I DO NOT BELIEVE OUR AMBASSADOR, OUR MILITARY

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ATTACHE, OR ANY OTHER AMERICAN SHOULD EXPRESS, IN AN
OFFICIAL CAPACITY OR A PERSONAL ONE, A PREFERENCE FOR ONE

CANDIDATE OR ANOTHER."

2. THE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO JUDGE THE ACCURACY OF
THIS REPORT AND DID NOT WANT TO DAMAGE THE REPUTATION OF
AN INDIVIDUAL BY GIVING IT GREATER CURRENCY OR CIRCULATION
IN REFTEL. YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THE ALLEGATION WITH
HIM IN THE CONTEXT OF ASSURING THAT HE -- AND ALL
OTHER ELEMENTS OF YOUR MISSION -- ARE AWARE OF THE NEED
NEITHER TO TAKE (NOR BE PERCEIVED AS TAKING) SIDES.
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